

Art Unit: 1772

Claim 16, line 1) Delete "withdrawn" and replace with
--currently amended--.

10/9/2006 Claim 16, line 1) Add --consisting-- between "core" and
"of".

4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The closest prior art Cinadr in view of Gebizlioglu fail to teach the tubular core consisting of a chlorinated lower polyolefin. Cinadr teaches the tubular core formed of PVC or CPVC having a chlorinated lower polyolefin as an additive. Cinadr teaches away from an embodiment in which no PVC or CPVC is present in the tubular core since PVC and CPVC are the required elements of the tubular core and the chlorinated lower polyolefin is merely an impact modifier, and there is no teaching in Cinadr or Gebizlioglu to form the tubular core from only chlorinated lower polyolefin.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."